Financial assistance for restoration of Kandla Port

*126. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3817 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 1998 and state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given to the Kandla Port to set right the damage caused by the recent cyclone;

(b) whether Government are taking steps for the improvement of the port; and

(c) if so, the details of the amount allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) No financial assistance has been given by the Government to Kandla Port. However, Kandla Port Trust is utilising its internal resources for restoration and repairs of port facilities damaged due to the Cyclone.

(b) and (c) During the 9th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 360 Crores has been provided for further augmentation/upgradation/modernisation of port facilities at Kandla Port. The Port has spent an amount of Rs. 24.66 crores during the current year on restoration/repairs works.

Inexpensive and Speedy Resolution of Litigation

*127. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure inexpensive and speedy resolution of litigation on the basis of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices, held in 1993; and

(b) the action taken on the basis of these recommendations to take steps for eliminating frivolous litigations?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister's and Chief Justices' Conference, 1993 has made a number of recommendations for providing inexpensive and speedy disposal of cases, including steps for eliminating frivolous cases. Government has taken a series of steps in this regard. This includes steps for amendment of Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code, increase in the number of posts of Judges in the High Courts, provision of a statutory base to Lok Adalats and vesting it with the powers of a civil court after the extension of provisions of Chapter III of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to all the States and Union Territories, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates and adoption of other alternative and locally appropriate methods of disputes resolution.

In addition to the above, the various High Courts have taken a number of steps for expeditious disposal of cases, viz; grouping and classification of cases involving similar question of law, setting up of specialised benches, computerization of records, etc. The High Courts have also issued instructions to their subordinate courts to reduce frequent adjournment of cases.

Some States like Orissa, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Nagaland, etc. have informed that they have set up Committee to suggest appropriate remedial measures for elimination of frivolous cases.

मध्य प्रदेश में छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र का विद्युत संकट

*128. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में विद्युत उत्पादन और आपूर्ति में बहुत अधिक अंतर है जिसके